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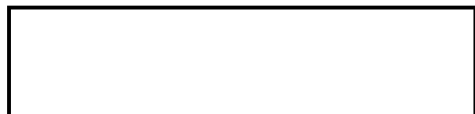
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19 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Control Officers of DDI, ORR, OSI,
OCI, NPIC, DDP, DDR/DPD, and TSO/CIA

SUBJECT: Review of TALENT and KEYHOLE Billets

1. The Director of Central Intelligence has initiated in the Community a review of the Community's TALENT and KEYHOLE billet holdings to determine whether the number of billets might not be substantially reduced.
2. The Director has stated that the criterion for such a review shall be "the need to know" looking toward the establishment of the minimum number of permanent billets required to permit proper operational and other activities.
3. Accordingly, you are requested to submit to the undersigned by the close of business of 2 April a statement:
 - a. That a review has been conducted in your organizational unit;
 - b. The number of TALENT and KEYHOLE billets held for your organization as of 15 March along with the number of billets which you have been able to abolish; and
 - c. That the residual number is the minimum required for the proper functioning of your organization.
4. In making this review, it is suggested that your office take into account the fact that to date the United States Intelligence Board has approved the downgrading and release from the System all TALENT photography acquired prior to 1 May 1960 on the USSR, European Satellites,



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Communist China including Tibet, and in addition seven missions over North Vietnam in January 1961. Countries for which TALENT materials exist but which are not now approved for downgrading and release are: Cuba, North Vietnam since August 1961, [REDACTED], and the Middle East. All of the latter materials are subject to sanitization procedures as set forth in the TALENT Sanitization Manual (recently revised). Furthermore, information acquired through current missions over Cuba and North Vietnam is made available through a SitSum classified lower than codeword.

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5. It is, of course, recognized that the TALENT clearance is required for a KEYHOLE certification. However it is also recognized that KEYHOLE photography is confined to the USSR, China, and the Eastern European Satellites.

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James Q. Reher
TALENT Control Officer/CIA

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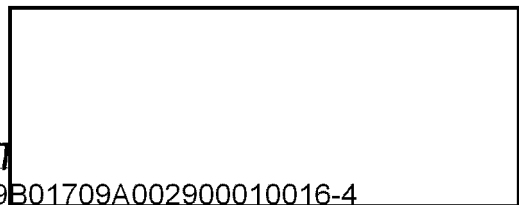
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